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College initiates \$2 million energy-efficiency program

DANIELLE KRAMER NEWS EDITOR

Replacing a 55-year-old boiler, installing low-flush toilets and sinks and replacing more than 4,000 light fixtures are just a few of the changes Wartburg will implement as part of a \$2 million energy-efficiency program, the college announced Friday.

"We'll have savings of \$260,000 annually, so the payback certainly

will occur in less than 10 years, which is a very good thing," Vice President for Administration, Gary Grace, said. "When it's completed, it will mean that we'll have increased resources in our general budget."

The changes, which will begin implementation in January, are the result of an energy audit performed by Schneider Electric,

a consulting firm based in Illinois. Wartburg also received a \$660,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy earlier this year, which covers approximately one third of the total cost.

Other projects include installing control units for heating and cooling, implementing a heat recovery system in "The W" that will redistribute heat to be used for hot water and installing a carbon dioxide detector in the Chapel and Vogel Library to monitor the demand for fresh air.

"We anticipate starting in January and doing work around the college through 2012 without being disruptive," Grace said.

"Some of the work will be done in the evening, some of it during students' breaks, depending on the particular project."

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Energy Saving Projects

- Replace 4,000 light fixtures in nine buildings.
- Replace the steam boiler that is used in Luther Hall and Neumann Auditorium.
- Install control units for heating and cooling.
- Install low flush toilets, low flow sinks and shower features.
- Use a heat recovery system in "The W." This takes excess heat and puts it toward domestic water.

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Wartburg takes on talk shows

ELLEN KURT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A Wartburg student and coach recently made appearances on national talk shows.

Jessica Stadler was on the Oprah Winfrey Show, and cross country coach Steve Johnson made a cameo on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon.

On the Nov. 30 episode of the Oprah Winfrey Show, Stadler got called on stage to meet her Australian pen pal of 10 years, Nyree Zipf, for the first time.

"I didn't even believe it. I had to look to my mom and Oprah had to say my name a second time."

"I just kind of raised my hand and was like what do I do. I was very shocked. I was surprised I could even talk to Oprah," Stadler said.

Stadler had written to get tickets for her mom for her 25th wedding anniversary.

Stadler said her mom called her crying and screaming that

they had gotten tickets, but she didn't tell her she would be called on stage.

She said meeting Nyree was really exciting.

"We hit it off right away for not meeting each other before," Stadler said.

Stadler spent time after the show with Zipf exploring Chicago. Winfrey also found out Stadler was saving money to go to Australia, and surprised

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Courtesy Photo

Jessica Stadler hugs Australian pen pal of 10 years, Nyree Zipf, after a surprise appearance on Oprah.



Lou Peters and Trey Gonzales take down holiday lights in Knights Village.

Dorm holiday lights illuminate safety issues



MATT CUNARD ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Wartburg students will have to find different ways to decorate their rooms for the holidays in order to be within the new fire policy.

The International Fire Code, last updated in 2009, was put into effect in the state of Iowa on Jan. 1, 2010. The updated code has more restrictions on lighting and decorations in residence halls than in the past.

Director of Residential Life Wes Brooks said

the intent of the enforcement of the code is not to put a damper on the holiday spirit, but to ensure students' safety.

"I'm definitely no Scrooge. This isn't something that we as a college have decided to do."

-Wes Brooks

everywhere."

As detailed in an e-mail sent out to students just before Thanksgiving, light-emitting diodes, or LED lights, that radiate little heat are approved for use under the new code. Students can use these lights to decorate a tree or wreath as long as no extension cords are used, John Myers, director of campus security, said.

"Residence halls are very restricted on how you use extension cords," Myers said. "If you can plug a light set into a wall and run it around your desk or run it around your bed, that's fine."

Myers also said if students are not in compliance with the fire code, the college could be prosecuted in criminal court by the state.

Past decorating techniques such as wrapping walls or doors in wrapping paper and hanging lights from walls and ceilings, Brooks said, are now against the fire code as well.

Brooks said enforcement of the policy directly relies on the cooperation of the student body to incorporate the rule changes in their holiday decorating.

He said that no major See SAFETY CONCERN page 2

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Safety concerns hinder holiday decorating

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punishments to individuals would result if something was found to be against of the code unless it became a chronic problem.

"We understand that this is a major shift in what we've done," Brooks said. "If we came across something that would be declared still outside the fire code, we would address that student and hopefully be able to come to a resolution without any kind of discipline."

Ben Read and his roommates had already decorated their room when they received the e-mail outlining the rule changes. He said they initially didn't

understand the rules, but now see why Residential Life sent out the changes to all the students.

"I mean, it sucks that it has to happen, but there's nothing we can do about it," Read said. "Otherwise, the school can get in big trouble and have lawsuits."

Read said the overall holiday feel of campus will be impacted by the new fire code. He said it won't feel right not seeing lit up dorm rooms while walking across campus at night.

"It's going to be a little weird not seeing that," Read said. "It kind of makes it feel like it's not Christmas as much."

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Steve Baker pulls a cart of new merchandise through the new Fareway store. The store will open Wednesday, Dec. 8.

Fareway ready to open new store

SAM ANDERSON STAFF WRITER

The newly-constructed Fareway will open its doors Wednesday, Dec. 8.

The building is located behind the original Fareway location.

Fareway Grocery Manager Darren Oppman said in past years, Fareway has had to compete with larger stores, such as Walmart and HyVee. He said the wider variety will encourage students and other community members to come to Fareway instead.

The Waverly Fareway employs nine Wartburg students including Mary O'Loughlin and Hyerim Stuhr.

All agree that other students

"I am looking forward to the greater selection of food and the spacious aisles."

-Hyerim Stuhr

"A lot of people just assume Walmart's always cheaper, but that's not really the case with Fareway," O'Loughlin said.

"Fareway, as an economical food-

store, offers some of the best deals in town," Stuhr said. "You can definitely save money on groceries and still get high quality produce and meat."

The new store covers 33,077 square feet.

Oppman said this is approximately twice as big as the old building.

"That store was 41 years old and it didn't have enough room to carry all the products that our customers needed," Oppman said.

He said the new store will have a bakery and will be more aesthetically pleasing than the old building.

"We like to keep our downtowns vibrant," Oppman said. "I always thought our building was an

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Amanda Gahler/TRUMPET

State Dance: Jenn Domino, Courtney Larson and Alexandra Ciota perform their pom routine during a dress rehearsal Wednesday in Levick Arena. The team placed fourth in the college pom division at the Iowa State Dance Team competition Friday in Des Moines. To see more photos of the dance team visit www.wartburgcircuit.org.

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Surprise talk show appearances give student, coach something to talk about

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her with a seven day trip.

Earlier this year, Oprah surprised one of her audiences with a trip to Australia to see a taping of the show.

Stadler originally began writing to her pen pal after her grandparents met Nyree's grandparents at breakfast one morning while both were on a trip. They asked her grandparents if they had any grandchildren that would want to have a pen pal.

Similar to Stadler, Johnson thought he was getting tickets

to a show while he was in New York, not expecting to be on national television.

Fallon was doing an audience game called "Free Stylin' with the Roots," where he goes into the audience and learns information about certain members. The house band, The Roots, then, performs a song about them.

He went past Johnson who was wearing a black fleece with a Wartburg logo on it. Fallon asked, "Who are the Knights?"

Johnson said, "Wartburg College."

"I actually got to say 'Wartburg College' on national TV, which was pretty cool," Johnson said.

He said he gets stopped almost every where he goes by people who saw his appearance.

"I think it's been blown a little out of proportion," Johnson said.

Johnson was in New York visiting his daughter at grad school during the week of the taping of the show.

He said his group was too big to sit together, so half got tickets in the front and half got tickets further back where Johnson was sitting.

His wife was one of the people sitting in the front row and had the opportunity to shake hands with the guests who were on the show.

"She was teasing me that we were so far back, but she never got on camera, so I guess I showed her," Johnson said.

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OPINION & EDITORIAL

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND:

Finding the true spirit of the season

AMY SWAIL GUEST COLUMNIST

It seems that Thanksgiving came and went without much notice.

The return to school brought



more conversations about the deals scored at four in the morning on Friday than it did about spending time with loved ones for Thanksgiving.

Black Friday. We have managed to turn a day of shopping into a holiday in itself.

We go from a day of giving thanks for what we have, to a day of getting more.

Nobody can say that getting \$100 off a flat screen television is a bad thing, especially during these economic times. But the day after Thanksgiving is widely considered to be the first day of the Christmas season, and where does our focus lie? On the stuff.

Don't get me wrong—I love

giving and getting gifts just as much as anyone else.

I love the Christmas parties, decorations, making Christmas cookies and just about every other Christmas tradition I have come across.

My question for all of us though, myself included, is how did we take this holy, exciting and anticipatory time of advent and turn it into a season of shopping and insurmountable stress?

It seems very counterintuitive that this is how we behave for the season where we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Maybe we should use these hard economic times to our benefit.

Instead of being so concerned about the giving and getting of "stuff," we can focus on how we were given God's greatest gift—Jesus.

My hope is we remember this is a season of giving, but of giving love, just as God gave love to us through His son.

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TRUMPET EDITORIAL:

Teaching with technology interference

Sitting in class, it is hard to tell the difference between a student taking notes on their laptops and those on Facebook.

Professors have a number of ways of dealing with social media and texting during classes, but what if your professor chose to walk out when he or she saw a student texting?

Two years ago at Syracuse University one professor made that his texting in class policy, according to Inside Higher Education.

On Monday, two professors at Ryerson University in Toronto made it their policy as well.

Professors felt if students weren't making the effort to pay attention during their class, then it wasn't worth their effort to be there.

It is easy to understand why a professor might get frustrated with this behavior.

We think classrooms should have a set policy to deal with these problems, but we question if this one is the best solution for the problem.

The problem with this policy is it punishes those who are not acting disruptively more so than those who are.

If a student isn't paying attention and chooses to text and Facebook during class, that is their choice.

They won't be picking up the information the professor is teaching.

They will probably do poorly on tests and in the class in general because of it.

The only people a walkout affects is those paying attention in class.

Professors understandably get frustrated with those distracted by texting and Facebook.

Perhaps some get so frustrated they fail to notice all the students who are paying attention.

One professor who commented on the story online said "Fighting fire with fire is hardly the way to go."

This sentiment is especially true when the majority of the students in the class aren't bringing the "fire."

The professor who made

the comment is a chemistry professor at the University of North Carolina Pembroke and has been there for 21 years.

He said early in his career he walked out on a class where the entire class was being unruly, and he credits that to a lack of experience.

This professor is one of a multitude who commented on the story suggesting alternative solutions.

We believe the best way to deal with disruptive students is to remove them from the classroom rather than yourself.

That would result in only those who are doing the wrong being punished, while those who want to learn will have a better learning environment.

In the end students want the best bang for their tuition dollar. For many, that means productive class time and learning.

Technology may lead to classroom frustrations, but remember professors should not punish those eager to learn.

WORD FROM THE WISE:

Being a host mom is the best gift

ANNA EPLEY GUEST COLUMNIST

The holidays can be the only time international students get to see their family. So this time of the year is extra special to them.

Six years ago, I made a decision that changed my life in so many ways.

I was working in the Den when Chen, an international student from China, started having a conversation about how she wished I was her host mom. I discovered she would be a wonderful addition to our

I talked to Jo Ann Strottman and she assigned my husband and me to Chen. She was our host daughter for two years.

family.

Over the last six years, I have had eight international students. We celebrate the holidays with them. If they don't go home for Christmas, they come to our house.

Many of these international students don't have the same tradition of celebrating Christmas as we have here. I love learning about all their traditions.

A lot of Wartburg students don't take the time to learn about international students, so they are ignorant about what these

students could offer them.

International students are so brave coming to the U.S. Would you be brave enough to send your child to another country? I encourage everyone to sit down with someone from another country and have a conversation. I guarantee it will make your day and theirs.

If I could have seen my future six years ago and known I would have had such a full life with these international students, I probably would not have believed it. My best Christmas present would be another six years of unbelievable, educational experiences being a host mom.

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Choice Words

WARTBURG SOUNDS OFF

So why can the Mensa have Christmas lights COVERED up by a sheet when we can't have lights hanging in our room?
—No One Likes a Scrooge

Dear Admissions,
You really should coordinate with the Nestle factory for visit days. The smell would bring in thousands!

—Breathe it in

Why are the Grossman washers the only thing connected to Wartburg that doesn't want to take my money??
—Spin Cycle

"He really needs to stop being so Canadian."
—Overheard in the Skywalks

Dear Boys in Hebron Two,
When you shower with the windows open we can hear you.
—I Can Keep a Secret

We don't have money to update the classrooms. Don't worry about what prospective students think. Current students can barely afford tuition! Focus on cutting costs not creating them!
—Broke at Wartburg

No Willow Smith....I whip my hair.
—Best Hair on Campus

Is it really necessary for you to have five other guys stand around and watch you as you lift weights?
—Crowded Lifter

Walked into the Mensa today. It was packed but I only recognized 15 people. Dang this stinks!
—Off Campus Diner

Since when has the sidewalk leading to Grossman become a dumpster? Watermelon, pumpkin and banana?
—Please Use the Trash

Dear Professor,
Please get a life/girlfriend. You really need a hobby. You're ruining mine.
—All Work, No Fun

Dear male in the white gym shorts: They don't mesh well with water....we can see EVERYTHING!! Please wear swim trunks next time!
—Friendly Lifeguard

Dear Conan,
Jeggings? Really?
—Scarred for life

Dear CWW,
You're making me miss Harry Potter weekend on ABC Family. Now its personal.
—Crucio

Every time I walk onto campus, I see another good looking freshman I've never seen before!
—Diggin' Younger Girls

NEWS

Technology helps teachers achieve educational goals

DANIELLE KRAMER NEWS EDITOR

Less than a decade ago, technology integrated into the classroom was limited to what the Internet could do and who knew how to use it.

Today, technology is used in all academic disciplines and involves many different tools, including multimedia presentations, smart boards, chat rooms and Skype, according to an article in Inside Higher Education.

As part of this growing technological awareness, many Wartburg faculty members are embracing and integrating various platforms.

"We're always using technology to achieve a goal or objective," said Dr. Peggy Pruisner, education professor. "We owe it to our students to embrace the capabilities of technology."

Pruisner said she encourages and sometimes requires students to integrate different technology outlets within their learning, specifically incorporating the smart board, hyperlinks, videos

and graphics.

History professor Terrence Lindell said the technology he incorporates in his lectures has helped draw students in.

"I like bringing in images and sound so that students can have a better sense of what I'm talking about," Lindell said. "Before, there were slide projectors, transparencies, record players and the blackboard. Now I can put it all on a flash drive."

Lindell and Pruisner said they are pleased with the way the college has embraced technology and the majority of professors are willing to learn more about it.

Stephanie TeKippe, lecturer in computer science, also helps faculty members stay up to date with ways technology can be integrated into the classroom.

"I think there are a lot of instructors who are interested in learning how to use different types of technology," TeKippe said. "Technology is an important part of the students' world and it's a part of the world they'll be expected



Amanda Gahler/TRUMPET

Peggy Pruisner and Britney Borchardt demonstrate how to use the smart board in the curriculum lab. Smart boards are one of the many new pieces of technology that teachers can use to enhance their lessons.

of My.Wartburg.

"I think technology is being used a lot. My Spanish homework is online, in my IS class we use videos, but most of my professors don't use My.Wartburg for grading, and it would be nice to be able to track your grades," Arthur said.

Although technology has proved to be a successful classroom teaching tool, Lindell, Pruisner and

TeKippe said technology should only be used if it can further the students' learning.

"Education doesn't require technology and technology shouldn't drive educational goals," Lindell said. "But technology helps us achieve them in a variety of ways."

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Health care cost increases for college faculty, staff

DIANA OGBEVIRE STAFF WRITER

Wartburg faculty and staff will see a nine to 11 percent increase in their health insurance cost for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Jane Juchems Wartburg has been receiving health insurance through United Health Care for almost two years, which provides three plans

to choose from.

Director of Human Resources Jane Juchems said the increase in health insurance reflects people's desire to have great health care.

"It is a reality of our culture that we have a Cadillac taste on a Volkswagen budget, which means that we want the best in health care but of course we want to pay less," Juchems said.

"The cost varies due to what plan you are on and how many are covered," she said.

If faculty or staff members

would like their insurance through a different company, Juchems said, Wartburg credits them \$110 a month to help pay for it.

She said the main factor for the increase in health insurance costs was the health care reform act that requires preventative care be covered by the health care plan at no charge.

"I believe that the preventative care option is very important and is something that will benefit many people, even with the increase in cost," Gary Grace, vice president for administration, said.

Over 75 percent of Wartburg faculty and staff are under the Manage Care option provided

by United Health Care, which includes doctor visits, a co-pay of \$15 and a deductible of \$750 for one person and \$1,500 for a family, Juchems said.

Grace said Wartburg pays 70 to 80 percent of health insurance premiums for employees, leaving employees to pay around 20 percent.

Wartburg is committed to trying to find good coverage at a reasonable cost, Juchems said.

The college does a lot of analysis, checking and research, she said, since the premiums paid by the college add up to \$2 million to \$3 million.

Gloria Campbell, associate

professor of business administration, said health insurance costs will continue to increase in the future unless better ways are created to reduce cost for employees.

"People need to be realistic about how much health care can be delivered, because with the baby boomers and increasing cost, it can only get worse," Campbell said.

Grace said he believes health insurance cost increases are going to be a challenge in the future, but he hopes health care will become better and more accessible.

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Happy Holidays!

Thanks for reading the Trumpet. This will be the last issue of the term.



Front: (from left) Emily Schmitt and Danielle Kramer. Middle: Matt Cunard, Abbie Baker and Alyssa Sheston. Back: Amanda Gahler, Drew Shradel, Ellen Kurt, Al Strain, Hannah Cox and Cliff Brockman.

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH Student Senate

Here's what happened at our last meeting

Senate approved additional funding to help the Holiday Shoppe buy presents for children in need in Bremer County.

Residence Hall improvement projects from last year have been put into place.

As the semester comes to a close, remember the importance of SRIs.

Student Senate funds two \$500 scholarships for Wartburg students who embody the Wartburg Mission Statement. Applications are available at www.wartburg.edu/senate

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Our Next meeting is Thursday, December 9. Meetings take place at 11:30 am in Buckmaster. Everyone is welcome to join!

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HANNAH COX
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Hope, joy and peace depicted the story of Jesus on the new Christmas with Wartburg mural.

The mural is just one of the changes made to the program this year.

This is the second year the program has been directed by Dr. Lee Nelson, Wartburg Choir and Ritterchor conductor and artistic director of Christmas with Wartburg.

The new mural, along with new lighting and a children's choir were the main changes to the show this year.

"[We] added extensive lighting this year to it, which basically transforms the mural to depict what's taking place in the music or the narration and really colors

the whole experience beautifully," Nelson said.

The new mural was painted by Janiece Bergland. The design was a collaboration between Bergland, Nelson and other Christmas with Wartburg organizers.

"My favorite part is the mural. The theme and then bringing in the year of community. It really ties everything together," said Lauren Hummel, Wartburg Choir member.

After the theme was chosen, "Shepherd Us, O Holy Child," Nelson divided the show into four sections.

This year, the show began with the prelude, and moved on to songs of hope, joy and peace.

The show concluded with a candlelit version of "Night of Silence."

New lighting moved along the mural as the choir sang. Shelley Hartman, Wartburg Choir member, said the new lighting with the mural really makes the show an experience rather than listening to individual groups.

To go along with theme "Celebrate Community," Wartburg invited 46 children to be a part of a children's choir.

Area fifth-through eighth-graders joined Wartburg choral and band members for two songs.

"It's a real treat to have those voices up there, they bring such a poignant message to the audience," Nelson said. "Their sound, just the timbre of a child's voice is so sweet."

Nearly sold out crowds watched Christmas with Wartburg this past Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Coleman Younger, president of Castle Singers, said some of the most beautiful music on campus is heard at Christmas with Wartburg.

"It is hard to explain until you're sitting there in Neumann Auditorium and engrossed in this Christmas spirit. It's hard to put into words," Younger said.



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International students share Christmas traditions

EMILY SCHMITT KNIGHTLIFE EDITOR

Santa Claus, Christmas trees, carols and presents often come to mind when people in the United States think about Christmas.

International students sat down to explain how their families celebrate Christmas at home. They all mentioned differences in traditions between the U.S. and their home country, but they also explained how many traditions are similar in both countries.

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Russia



"Christmas is completely religious," Oxana (Ksusha) Protchenko said.

Most of the celebrations and gift-giving occur at the beginning of January.

"The thing that everybody celebrates is New Year's Eve," she said.

Children write letters to Santa Claus, who delivers gifts on New Year's Eve instead of Christmas.

"He's dressed up like Santa here and he walks around with a bag of presents," she said.

"He comes to somebody's house. Usually parents ask someone else to play the role of Santa Claus," she said. "Children learn a poem or something for a long time to be able to show to Santa Claus."

When she was young, her parents would hide her gifts all over the house and she would have to follow a treasure map and solve riddles in order to find her gifts.

Cameroon



Daniel Sopdie said Christmas celebrations include everyone, no matter their religion.

"It's a big celebration for all of the country," he said. "I invite all my Muslim friends and they come and party."

"Each family cooks and invites everyone that day, you can just go from house to house and there's going to be food," he said.

He said people in the cities are more likely to decorate than people in rural areas.

"We have Santa Claus too. He leaves gifts under the Christmas tree for children," he said.

Kenya



"Normally we get together like a reunion. Some are in school and some are working, and it's a time when people come together. Not just immediate family but extended family," Benson Amollo said.

He said the holiday is a chance to meet extended family members.

Amollo said Santa Claus can be found in Kenya's cities, and people decorate their homes and play Christmas carols.

first night, the holiday is celebrated by saying prayers, receiving presents and playing Dreidel games.

Hanukkah commemorates the re-dedication of the temple after the Macabees took it back from the Greeks.

"One misconception people have is that Hanukkah is a really big holiday and they compare it to

Christmas, because it's just around the time of Christmas, but it's not really a big holiday at all," Benjamin Levinson said.

The major Jewish holidays are Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah and Passover.

Levinson's mother is Christian and his father is Jewish. He was raised Jewish, but he celebrates

Nepal



In Nepal, Sewan Gurung celebrates Diwali, "Festival of Lights," which is a tradition similar to Christmas. He said the holiday celebrates victory of good over evil and people light up their houses.

"We go around singing to different houses," he said.

Women carol during the first day of the two-day festival and men carol on the second day.

"We basically get together, eat a lot and sing," he said.

He said people are in a festive mood during this time of year but they don't celebrate as much as Americans celebrate Christmas.

Aruba



"One day you decide to visit people, and the other day you stay home and people come visit you," Jerrold Martijn said.

Families eat and drink together and then they go visit others.

Presents are exchanged between immediate family members. Martijn said Santa Claus is a Christmas symbol but the tradition isn't as elaborate as it is in the U.S.

He said a figure derived from the Santa Claus tradition gives presents in December but not necessarily on Christmas day. Children leave their shoes outside the door and he will leave gifts by their shoes.

Martijn said people have Christmas trees and decorate the whole house with colorful decorations and lights.

Uganda



"My aunts and my cousins who I haven't seen all year gather together at my grandparents' house," Yvonne Ayesiga said.

Boxing Day, the day after Christmas, is the day when Santa Claus gives children presents. But instead of going down chimneys, Santa Claus stands in the streets and gives gifts to passers-by.

Families decorate homes with both trees and menorahs

ELLEN KURT EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The holiday season is apparent at Wartburg, but not everyone on campus is getting in the Christmas spirit. Some are spreading the spirit of another holiday, Hanukkah.

The first candle of the menorah was lit last Wednesday to signify the beginning of Hanukkah.

For the eight days following that

first night, the holiday is celebrated by saying prayers, receiving presents and playing Dreidel games.

Hanukkah commemorates the re-dedication of the temple after the Macabees took it back from the Greeks.

"One misconception people have is that Hanukkah is a really big holiday and they compare it to

Christmas, because it's just around the time of Christmas, but it's not really a big holiday at all," Benjamin Levinson said.

The major Jewish holidays are Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah and Passover.

Levinson's mother is Christian and his father is Jewish. He was raised Jewish, but he celebrates

both Hanukkah and Christmas.

He said his house is decorated with a Christmas tree and decorations as well as a menorah and stars of David.

For some being Jewish is more of a cultural way than a religious way of living, Levinson said.

Vicki Edelnant, Pathways Center director, agreed with Levinson.

She said there are Jewish people that like to argue, intellectuals and those that are Jewish by habit.

Edelnant did not become Jewish until she got married. She had been exploring her faith and met with a rabbi around the time of her wedding. That's when she decided to convert.

Edelnant said she has a Christmas tree on one side of her house and a menorah on the other.

She said after she moved with her husband to Cedar Falls, he struggled with being one of the only Jewish professors at the University of Northern Iowa.

"The University would be putting up decorations over the doorway of his office and he said he just felt uncomfortable. There's a constant reminder that he is a minority," Edelnant said.

Edelnant said there is no way of escaping Christmas.

Edelnant said she still makes Christmas cookies because she has since she was a little girl. She now makes sure to include dreidel cookies, too.

She also makes traditional Jewish food such as fried pancakes, which are eaten with apple sauce.

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SPORTS

Men's basketball falls to Central Knights move to 0-2 in the IIAC conference

AL STRAIN SPORTS EDITOR

The Wartburg men's basketball team struggled this week, going 0-2 to open their conference schedule with losses to Cornell and Central.

In Pella, Central controlled the game from beginning to end, leading by as many as 23 points in the second half. Wartburg cut the lead to as little as 10 but could not complete the comeback and Central won by a final score of 76-64.

Wartburg shot just 24 percent in the first half before turning it around and shooting over 55 percent in the second half. Wartburg shot 45 percent from three-point range for the game.

Central shot 73 percent from the free-throw line for the game, and had 15 more free throw attempts than the Knights.

Wartburg turned the ball over 23 times in the game while Central had 17. Central had twice as many steals as the Knights, recording 14 steals to Wartburg's seven.

Jordan Sathoff led the Knights with 15 points, Cole Danielson added 14 and Kirk Sidey had nine points and eight rebounds.

Central players scored in double figures, led by Demarco

Turner who had a game high 19 points. James Chapline added 17 points and six rebounds.

Earlier in the week, Wartburg came up short against Cornell, losing in the final minute by a score of 72-71.

"We did fight really hard in the second half. If we played as hard as we did in the first half as we did in the second half we'd have a much better chance of winning," head coach Dick Peth said.

Wartburg trailed by as many as 19 points in the first half, but cut the lead to 11 before halftime. Cornell took a 38-27 lead into the locker room.

The Knights shot 56 percent in the second half and chipped away at Cornell's lead throughout the second half.

The Knights cut the lead to one point with under a minute left after Danielson made a layup in traffic and was fouled. After the free throw, Wartburg had pulled within one point.

Wartburg missed a free throw with three seconds remaining and Cornell knocked the ball out of bounds that gave the Knights possession with 0.8 seconds on the clock.

The Knights inbounded the ball to Sathoff with his back to the basket. Sathoff got the

shot off before time expired but the shot did not fall and Cornell came out of Levick Arena with a 72-71 victory.

"It didn't come down to the last shot attempt or the last free throw," Peth said. "We reminded our guys of that."

Danielson led all scorers with 24 points while grabbing three rebounds and three assists. Sidey added 14 points to go with seven rebounds and five assists.

J. Ryan Lott led the Rams with 23 points and five assists. Alex Miller added 13 points and three assists for Cornell.

"This is a young team, and we have to learn from our mistakes," Peth said. "If we can continue to move forward, than we have a chance at having much more success at the end of the year."

Peth said that his team would take baby steps to continue to move towards that success they are looking for.

Wartburg is 3-4 on the season with a 0-2 record in the IIAC. They next play at Buena Vista on Wednesday night at 8 p.m.



Amanda Gahler/TRUMPET

Eddie Diemer protects the ball from a defender during the Knights' 72-71 loss to Cornell. The Knights trailed by 19 before coming back within one.

Wartburg Sports Briefs

Men and Women's Soccer receive academic honors

Both teams maintained a team grade point average higher than 3.0 to be recognized in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Division III academic award list.

This is the women's fifth year in a row to be nominated and the men's third since 2006.

Katy Wendt, also became the 74th Collegiate Sports Information Directors of America recipient at Wartburg, and the schools 35th since 2000.

Willis named IIAC coach of the year for second time

Football head coach Rick Willis was named the IIAC coach of the year after coaching the Knights to their fourth undefeated season.

Willis also picked up his 100th win this season against Buena Vista and Wartburg's 12th conference title.

Willis' team led the IIAC in scoring defense, pass defense efficiency, kick return average, interceptions, punting, sacks, sacks against and turnover margin.

Football places 16 players to the all-conference team

Reese Thompson, Jon Oor, Morgan O'Connor, Levi Helbling, Garrett McGrane, Josh VanDenHul, Blake Suckow, Matt Tschetter and Robby Salmon were named to the first team all-conference.

Spenser Herkelman, Mitch Blythe, Brandon Sims, Andrew Creary and Ben Rector were named to the second team all-conference.

Jason Roskam was an honorable mention for the all-conference team.

Wrestling focuses on each match for Invite

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Landon Williams and three third place finishes with Mark Kist at 125 pounds, Mike Kremer at 133 pounds and Tommy Mirocha at 144 pounds.

Wartburg did make some mistakes that put some of the wrestlers in a tough hole to get out of, Miller said.

"We found things that we need to fix, like staying focused the entire match," Miller said. "One mistake can cost you the match."

The Knights won the invite with a total of 184 points, with Tate receiving the outstanding wrestler award for the tournament.

The Knights also continued their streak of consecutive conference dual wins to 144 with a win over Central and Loras.

"They know the expectations," Miller said after the victory against Central. "It's been since 1994 since we lost a conference dual and that is important to us. They know what is on the line every week."

Every Knight came away with a win over the Loras DuHawks and the Central Dutch gave the Knights two shutouts in a two-day spread.

The wrestling team received

two wins over the DuHawks off of forfeits to Mirocha and Tate helping with their 44-0 win.

The Knights led off their conference schedule with the Central Dutch also shutting them out with a score of 51-0.

"We didn't want to lose any matches, and our guys have been working hard and it is good to see them come out and see everyone get a win," said Miller.

Helgeson had two near falls on Ted Dirkx in 1:20 of the match, and would later win by technical fall in 4:32.

Helgeson's match was the last of the night in which everyone won, kicking off the start of the winning week for the Knights.

Wartburg is now 2-0 in the IIAC and will host the Dick Walker Invite Saturday at 9 a.m. before traveling west to Las Vegas to wrestle. Times and place for the Las Vegas matches are yet to be determined.

"We really want to win the Dick Walker invite, it is important to us," Miller said. "We want everyone to wrestle to the best of their potential at the invite, not just the varsity."

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Wartburg drops opening two games
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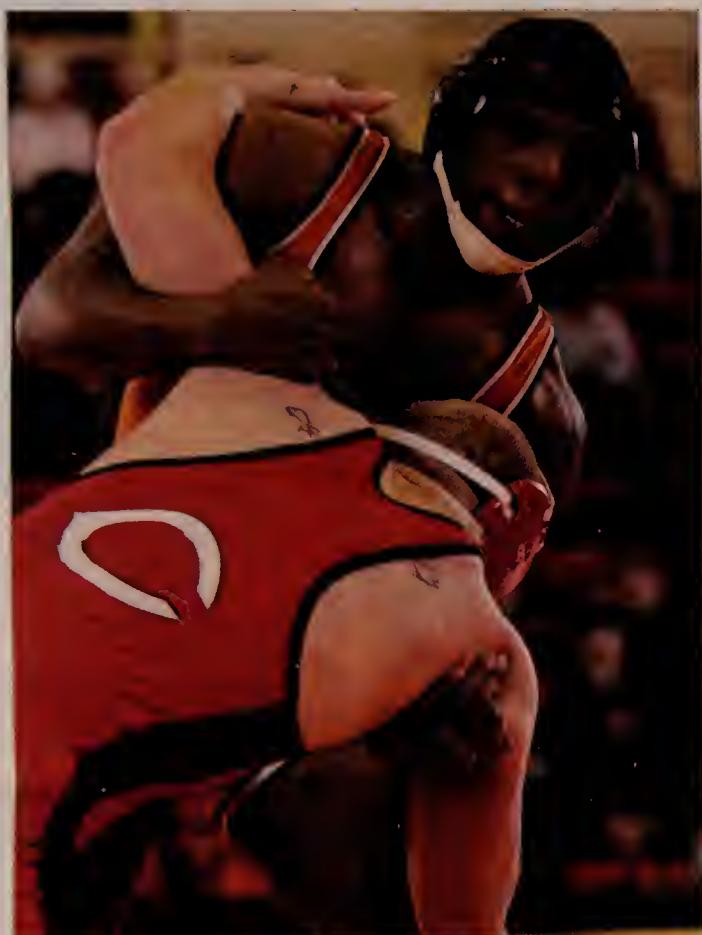
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UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wednesday	M/W Basketball @ Buena Vista
Friday	M/W Basketball vs Martin Luther
Saturday	Wrestling hosts Dick Walker Invite

Go to www.go-knights.net for score updates

Tate works hard on national title defense



Amanda Gahler/Trumpet

Byron Tate wrestled against Central last Tuesday night. Tate won this match to continue his strong campaign to repeat as a national champion this year.

MATT CUNARD
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

What does a college wrestler who already owns an individual national title want? If that wrestler is Byron Tate, he'll tell you that he wants another one.

After winning the national title in the 197-pound weight class last year, Tate is preparing to defend his national title, although he said he doesn't view it as such. He sees this season as a chance to validate his performance in last year's tournament.

"This year is really kind of a reaffirming year, to prove last year wasn't a fluke," Tate said. "This year is 2010 and 2011, so I have nothing to defend. I'm trying to win another national title that no one has."

Aside from winning a national title, Tate also won the Most Valuable Wrestler award for the Wartburg wrestling team. Tate won the award after winning 31 of his last 33 matches last season.

Wrestling co-head coach Eric Keller said Tate should be able to imitate last year's success because he works so hard.

"So far this year... he's been setting the standard," Keller said,

"not necessarily by what he's saying. He's not in there talking about it, he's just doing it."

Keller said he attributes Tate's success to the heart he brings to practice and to every match.

Chris Tims, who has known Tate since the two wrestled together on a state team as juniors in high school, also acknowledged Tate's will to succeed.

However, Tims also said his friend will have to physically and mentally prepare more than he did last year.

"He's going to have to continue to work hard, and he'll probably have to work harder this year, because more people are going to be coming after him," Tims said.

Another title may also be more difficult this year because of psychological factors, Keller said. He said it would be easier psychologically for Tate to be motivated if this year was Tate's senior year, since it would be his last chance to win a national title.

Keller said he attributes this year's difficulty to increased pressure or a drop in the drive to win the title.

"It's easy for a lot guys to put pressure on themselves, they

think, 'Oh, I got to win, I got to win,'" Keller said.

Tate, however, said he doesn't feel any added pressure, because he won the national title last year. He said he feels like if he goes out and wrestles like he knows he can every match, he'll do fine.

Keller agreed, and said if Tate brings the same win-at-all-costs attitude and heart that he did last season to this season, another individual national championship is attainable.

"With the way he wrestles, his approach, his intensity and the way he wrestles the entire match," Keller said, "the sky's the limit."

Tate's success early this season has helped Wartburg's wrestling team get off to an undefeated start to its season.

Tate is undefeated this season, and earlier this year he defeated the No. 10 ranked wrestler in Div. I when he scored an 8-5 decision over Iowa State University's Jerome Ward in the Harold Nichols Cyclone Open.

Because of his win, Tate was named wrestler of the week by www.d3wrestle.com on Nov. 17.

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Women's Basketball stays undefeated, 6-0

AL STRAIN SPORTS EDITOR

The Wartburg women's basketball team remained unbeaten on the season with two more wins this week against Cornell and Central.

The victories gave the Knights a strong start in conference play. Head coach Bob Amsberry said it was important for his team to start strong.

"It means a lot. Our focus has been defense so far," Amsberry said after the victory over Cornell. "I thought we did a tremendous job."

Against Central, Wartburg used strong three-point shooting along with strong defense to give the team an 84-63 victory.

Wartburg shot 10-16 from three-point range, good for over 62 percent. The Knights shot 9-10 in the first half.

Maddie Sadecky led the Knights in three-point shooting, going 7-10 for the game. Samantha Harrington was 2-3 from beyond the arc.

Wartburg's defense forced Central to turn the ball over 24 times. Abi Weidemann, Stephanie Reiter and Harrington all had multiple steals. Wartburg

had 14 steals overall.

Central struggled shooting the ball, going just 25-65 from the field. The Dutch shot just 24 percent from three-point range while shooting under 40 percent for the entire game.

Sadecky led the Knights with 21 points, three rebounds and two blocked shots. Carly Jacobs led Wartburg with five rebounds to go with eight points off the bench. Four of Jacobs' rebounds were on the offensive glass.

Harrington added 18 points while dishing out five assists for the Knights.

"Sam Harrington is evolving in a new role this year," Amsberry said. "She's embraced that and has led us and I think she's going to get more and more comfortable."

Harrington is currently tenth in the IIAC in scoring, putting up just over 11 points per game. She also leads the conference in free throw percentage, shooting just under 91 percent from the free-throw line.

Earlier in the week, Wartburg defeated Cornell to open its conference schedule. Behind a balanced offensive attack, the Knights defeated the Rams 64-

46 for their first win in the IIAC of the season.

The Knights had a strong night shooting the ball, going 23-46 that was good for 50 percent. The Knights shot over 45 percent in three-point shooting.

Cornell struggled shooting throughout the game, hitting just 33 percent of their shots and shooting a poor 50 percent from the free-throw line on the evening.

Wartburg had four players record double digit scoring efforts, led by Katie Zittergruen with 17 points. Reiter was 5-7 from beyond the arc and recorded 15 points on the evening while adding five assists.

"I think tonight showed we can play in the half court," Amsberry said. "I was really pleased holding their post player to three points."

Wartburg is 6-0 for the year with a 2-0 IIAC record. They next face Buena Vista. Tip-off is scheduled for 6 p.m.

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Wrestling unbeaten

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The Wartburg Knights wrestling team finished undefeated this week while going 2-0 in the conference and winning the Simpson Invite.

The No. 2 ranked Knights showed the reason for the ranking as they went undefeated in conference duals and defeated No. 4 Coe by 37 points at the Simpson Invite on Saturday.

"It was good to get the victory," head coach Jim Miller said. "We are still not hitting on all cylinders and have not hit our potential, but it was still good to get the win."

The Knights had five first place finishers at the Simpson Invite: Carrington Banks at 157 pounds, Ben Scott at 174 pounds, Dylan Azinger at 184 pounds, No. 1-ranked Byron Tate at 197 pounds and No. 1-ranked John Helgerson at 285 pounds.

The Knights also had one runner-up at 165 pounds with



Amanda Gahler/TRUMPET
Kelsey Teubel lines up a shot for the Knights. Wartburg is 6-0 this year.

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